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July 6, 2004

Honorable C. Nelson Harris, Mayor
Honorable Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice Mayor
Honorable M. Rupert Cutler, Council Member
Honorable Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Council Member
Honorable Sherman P. Lea, Council Member
Honorable Brian J. Wishneff, Council Member
Honorable Council Member

Dear Mayor Harris and Members of City Council:

Subject: Long-term Lease Request
from Virginia Museum of
Transportation, Inc.

Background:

The Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc. has requested from the City, a lease of the 611 and 1218 locomotives for 20 years. Consideration for the lease shall be the nominal annual payment of \$1.00 by the Museum to the City. The lease would be renewable at the end of the 20 year term, and the City would assume full control over the locomotives should the museum cease to operate for any reason. The museum would also fully insure the locomotives and keep them in top restored condition.

Executive Director Robert Dills believes the long term lease is necessary in order to make funding appeals to individuals, corporations and foundations. He feels sponsors and grantors need to be guaranteed that the locomotives are displayed in a stable situation for the duration of an exhibition as well as possible extension or renewal of the exhibition.

A lease has been drawn up between the Virginia Museum of Transportation and the City which is attached, and a letter has been sent to the Shenandoah Virginia Corporation (a subsidiary of the Norfolk Southern Corporation) requesting its consent to the terms of the lease. The lease of

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the 1218 locomotive is subject to the approval of the Shenandoah Virginia Corporation.

Recommended Action:

City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the lease with the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc. in substantially the form attached to this letter; such lease to be approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darlene Burcham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darlene" and last name "Burcham" clearly distinguishable.

Darlene L. Burcham
City Manager

DLB:lw

c: Mary F. Parker, City Clerk
William M. Hackworth, City Attorney
Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance

CM04-00124

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA,

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease between the City and the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc., for the lease of two steam locomotives, known as the 611 and 1218, currently housed at the Virginia Museum of Transportation, upon certain terms and conditions, and dispensing with the second reading of this ordinance by title.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Roanoke that:

1. The City Manager and the City Clerk are authorized to execute and attest, respectively, in form approved by the City Attorney, an appropriate lease agreement with the Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc., for the lease of two steam locomotives, known as the 611 and the 1218, currently housed at the Virginia Museum of Transportation, at 303 Norfolk Avenue for use by the Museum, such lease to be for a twenty (20) year term, beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2044, for a nominal consideration, such lease to be upon the terms and conditions as more particularly described in the City Manager's letter and attachments to this Council dated July 6, 2004.

2. The lease of the 1218 locomotive is subject to the City receiving the prior written consent of the Shenandoah-Virginia Corporation, as required by the conditions of the gift to the City of the 1218.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of the City Charter, the second reading of this ordinance by title is hereby dispensed with.

ATTEST:

City Clerk.